

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Team

June 5, 2014

Noon

Members Present: Geoff Hill, Elery Keene, Stephanie Kierstead, Ross Nason, Lass Von Appen, Linda Woods

Composting at The Taste of Waterville on August 6

Geoff & Ross will be the leaders of this project.

Action Items:

Geoff & Ross: Meet with Christian to arrange a meeting with the Chamber's planning committee

Ross: Connect with the Chamber and Inland Hospital about funding

Ross: Check with Kim about publicity

Ross: Write a press release about our doing this; send it to Elery & Sally to edit; this must go to the Board before being submitted

Geoff & Ross: Write the SMMC July column about composting; due to Linda by July 1

Linda: Check with Jeff Bragg about taking the organics

Linda: Check with Blackdog Printing for t-shirts

Linda: Begin volunteer recruitment

Linda: Include in July e-blast

Composting Program at Taste of the Market at the Waterville Farmers' Market on June 19

Geoff will set up his composting demonstration at the Waterville Farmers' Market to educate market shoppers about composting.

Action Items:

Ross: Get the tent from Mike H's office

Ross: Create a survey for Waterville residents on collection of organics

Geoff: Create a handout on how to compost

Linda: Contact Jen Olsen & Ch. 5 about publicizing this event

Anyone who is interested/available is welcome to join this activity. Geoff & Ross will be there from 2:00 to 6:00. The Education Team will be distributing SMMC materials as well.

Waterville's new Pay-As-You-Throw & Curbside Recycling

Waterville is switching to pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) for trash and comingled recycling pick up. We are uncertain as to the start date (maybe July 1 for PAYT and September 1 for recycling)

This team will be helping with educating area residents. Linda met with the leader of Waterville High School's Green Team. In the fall, we will educate her students. We might do a presentation in each City ward.

(I attached an article Ross wrote about this topic to help you understand it better.)

Action Items:

Ross: Contact Mike R about putting a flier in tax bills

Ross: Contact Lissa of EcoMaine about materials

Everyone: Think of public outreach ideas and send them to Ross immediately

Green Seal Program:

Ross continues to work on this.

FYI: Sustainability at Fairfield Days in June 2015:

The focus of Fairfield Days next June will be sustainability. Linda will be meeting with the event coordinators later this month to determine more about this.

The next meeting will be **Thursday, July 10** at **noon** at **Jin Yuan**.